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INFORMATION REPORT

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	Captain Vulyu Varchev. The 3 Rifle Battalion is composed as follows:	
	(1) The 7, 8, and 9 companies;	
	(2) A heavy machine gun company;	
	(3) A mixed gun battery (75 mm. Krupp Bofors, and 50 mm. Rhinemetal);	
	(4) A mixed mortar battery (107 mm. and 82 mm.);	
	(5) An antiaircraft platoon (12.5 mm. Degtyarov-Shpagin-Koleshnikov);	· · · · · ·
	(6) An engineer, communications, and quartermaster platoons; and	
	(7) Hospital and veterinary units.	
r	Approximately 80 percent of the heavy vehicles (trucks, ambulances, mobile kitchens, etc.) are on blocks. Approximately 90 percent of the armament is in warehouses.	
d.	The 16 Mountain Pack Artillery Battalion (Division), located in Zvesdets, is composed of 3 batteries, each with 3 plateons. The unit includes 300 men, 20 Krupp Bofors of 75 mm., 15 mortars of 107 mm., and 200 mules;	25X1
e.	The 3 Heavy Machine Gun and Artillery Battalion, located in Fakiva, including approximately 1000 men, is in a position at border fortifications, with guns emplaced. There are 60 Rhinemetal and Krupp Bofors 75 mguns, with seven men to a gun, and 90 Schwarzlose 8 mm, heavy machine guns with four men to a gun. There are no horses, or mules; prime movers are used.	
In oth	the spring of 1951 all Soviet weapons of the 16 Mountain Brigade were sent to mer units in Burgas and Elkhovo in exchange for German weapons. a brigade in a wooded mountain area did not need modern	25X
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